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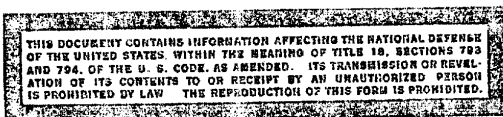
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1. The Cheb (N 51/P 37) airfield is in the same state as it was when the Germans left in 1945, except that the surface and the runway have been levelled and made usable. Four aircraft were observed stationed at the airfield, two of them were jet planes and two propeller-driven one-engine monoplanes. There is a small airforce detachment of about one company stationed and billeted at the airfield. Routine reconnaissance flights along the Czech-Bavarian border was the only air activity observed.
2. a. An infantry unit of approximately 1,000 men is billeted in the old infantry barracks (Annex, Pt.1).
b. An unidentified unit, about 600 men strong, is billeted in the barracks located by the road Cheb - Frantiskovy Lazne (N 51/P 27) (Annex, Pt.2). The soldiers have black epaulets with red piping. The unit is motorized and equipped with tanks and heavy weapons.
c. An artillery unit is billeted in new barracks located on the road to Mushlbach (N 51/P 27) on the southern outskirts of Cheb (Annex, Pt.3). Besides artillery pieces some tanks have been observed entering the barracks.
d. About 1,000 PS men are stationed in Cheb. They are billeted in the former almshouse (Annex, Pt.4) and the former monastery (Annex, Pt.5). The headquarters of the PS units is located at this latter installation.
e. The SNB District headquarters is located in the former bank on Stalinova trida (Annex, Pt.6).
3. The civilian AA defense training in Cheb has not progressed yet beyond the initial stage of organization. Meetings and lectures dealing with the subject were held but no practical training has been started to date. World War II air raid shelters and water-pools are being renovated.³

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Comment. The same number of aircraft stationed on the Cheb airfield was reported in

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2. [Redacted] Comment. This estimate seems to be exaggerated.

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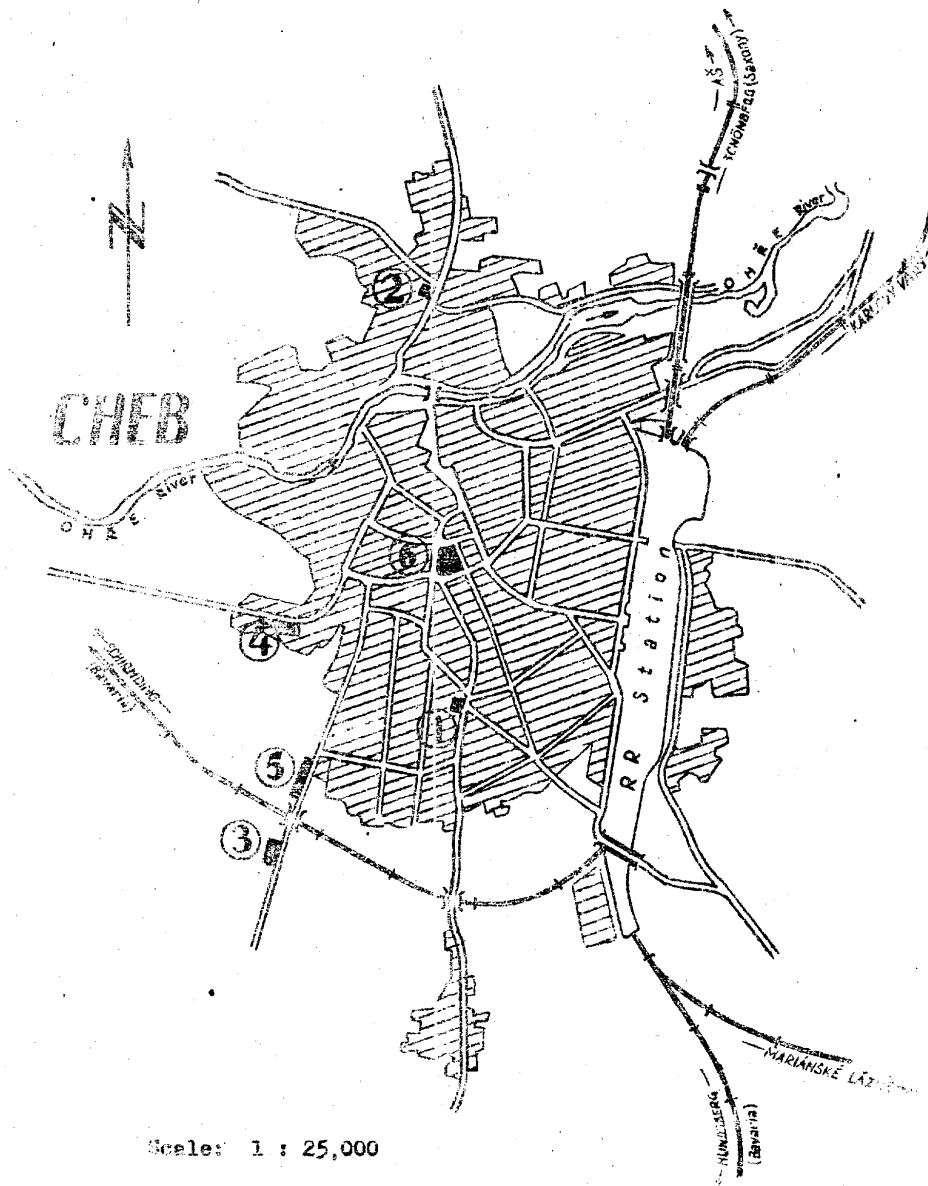
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ANNEX

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AT C H E B



Scale: 1 : 25,000

Legend:

- 1 - Infantry barracks
- 2 - Military barracks occupied by unidentified unit
- 3 - Artillery barracks
- 4 - PS barracks (former almshouse)
- 5 - PS barracks (former monastery)
- 6 - SMD District Hqs

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